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Rockin' the River the set for Saturday in downtown Elba

Restoration 154 announces the return of Rockin' the River, an annual car show, art, and music festival, this Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This free, family-friendly event will take place on the beautiful downtown square in historic Elba. Rockin' the River celebrates the vibrant arts and culture scene in Elba, showcasing the talents of local and regional artists and musicians.

This year's event will feature a wide variety of activities, including: a classic car show featuring vintage and custom vehicles; live music performances inside The Elba Theatre; an art exhibition showcasing the work of local artists; free arts and crafts activities for children; a sidewalk

chalk competition with cash prizes; a pop-up history museum featuring Elba history; a silent auction with proceeds to benefit the Elba Historic Preservation Alliance; a rubber ducky race to benefit the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and much more!

In addition to the day-time festivities, Rockin' the River will host a free after-party at the Elba Theatre starting at 7 p.m., featuring a performance by S7venPly.

Rockin' the River is hosted by Restoration 154, a local non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.rockintheriverelba.com or contact Laurie Chapman at 334-494-4629 or lauriechapman@gmail.com.



This overhead photos of the Elba square from the 2024 Rockin' the River event shows the four sides of the square lined with vehicles participating in the Foggy Bottom Car Show. This year's event will again feature the car show along with several more activities.

Elba Officials Need Your Help!



The public restrooms at TigerTown Park in downtown Elba have been vandalized, and Elba officials ask that anyone with information that might help identify the person(s) responsible for this crime to please either call Elba City Hall at (334) 897-2333 or the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-1300. As the photo above shows, the vandals completely destroyed one of the toilets inside the restroom facilities at TigerTown Park.

Elba Council members hear update on traffic detail from police department

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, April 28, Elba Police Assistant Chief Cole Dean reported that officers had been busy working traffic detail recently as 'beach-bound' traffic had increased in the area.

Dean said officers had written higher amounts of traffic warnings and citations over the past month with the majority of those going to out-of-town motorists traveling to and from the beach. He said officers would continue working this detail to try and make sure motorists traveling through Elba are obeying the traffic laws in order to help protect the safety of local citizens.

Council members voted to begin offering VSP insurance, a vision plan, to employees for a voluntary participation via payroll deduction.

Assistant city clerk Michael Bryant explained this would simply be an additional opportunity for employees to purchase vision insurance if they so choose to do so. It was determined prior to voting on this matter that local optometry offices to accept

VSP insurance. City clerk Sally Bane told council members that MDI had begun replacing dumpsters around the city with their dumpsters as they use a different type than had been used by the City of Elba. Council members agreed to continue storing the old dumpsters for a while to be certain things with the MDI contract progresses smoothly and the city does not find a need to keep the old dumpsters for other uses.

Southeast Alabama Gas announces scholarship recipients

Southeast Gas commends its Community Service Scholarship recipients for 2025. Twenty-five outstanding students demonstrated devotion to their communities and earned a \$1,500 scholarship to the institution of their choice.

This year's recipients are: Tetyana McCray, Abbeville High School; Kinsley Jane Stovall, Andalusia High School; Kadence Carroll, Ashford High School; Cooper Layton, Brantley High School; Savannah Pedroza, Carroll High School; Addison Armstrong, Charles Henderson High School; Ethan Todd McNeill, Cottonwood High School; Karoline Killingsworth, Dale County High School; Mikel Caden Elmore, Daleville High School; Paden Wood, Dothan High School; Jacob Watkins, Elba High School; Madelyn Dowling, Eufaula High School; Tammy Zou, Enterprise High School; Yabo Bankole, Greenville High School; Barron Laudicina, Headland High School; Savannah Rae Edgar, Highland Home High School; Finley Renee Marchand, Luverne High School; Grayson Thornton, New Brockton High School; Ada Blackstock, Opp High School; Kobee Rodgers-Wallace, Pike County High School; Addison Elizabeth Curry, Pleasant Home High School; Kayden Elizabeth Lord, Red Level School; Michael Madera, Rehobeth High School; Destiny Newman, Russell County High School; and Mallory



Local students receiving Southeast Gas scholarships included Jacob Watkins (Elba High School), Cooper Layton (Brantley High School) and Grayson Thornton (New Brockton High School).

Hall, Straughn High School. The Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship is an award available to high school seniors who demonstrate a genuine commitment to community service and aspire to make a positive impact on the world. This year's recipients served in a variety of ways, including organizing food drives, advocating for children at the state and local level, providing disaster relief, volunteering at mental health centers, and serving local Veterans.

"The heart of Southeast Gas is service," says Southeast Gas President and CEO Greg Henderson. "When we established the Community Service Scholarship 10 years ago, we had an idea of the impact it could have

the service of THESE STUDENTS has had on their communities. I am extremely proud of the work they are doing and the small way we are recognizing them for their enormous accomplishments."

Southeast Gas demonstrates its commitment to serving area schools through its Give Back to Schools initiative, which includes the Community Service Scholarship program. Since the scholarship's inception in 2015, Southeast Gas has awarded more than \$325,000 in funding to 219 students to assist with college expenses. Additionally, the company has provided more than \$1.6 million in direct assistance to local schools in its service area over the past 16 years.

Southeast Gas volunteers also dedicate their time to improving campuses by offering construction assistance, landscaping, painting, gas appliance maintenance, light carpentry, tutoring, mentoring, and various other activities.



STATE BOUND! Beau Stricklin, a student at Zion Chapel School, won first place Saturday, April 26, in the Southeast Alabama 4H Regionals Senior Division I Blocks Rocks Lego building competition. He now advances to the state 4H competition. He is the son of Lee and Ceretha Stricklin of Elba.

Area Happenings

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, May 1, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street. The meeting is open to the public.

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, May 21, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Hwy. Stephanie Smith, CEO of the Alabama Policy Institute (API), will be providing a recap of the 2025 Legislative session and her take on the possible candidates for the 2026 election. The doors open at 11:00; an optional \$17 buffet starts at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Please RSVP no later than Saturday, May 17, 8 pm, to Pam at email: rwclunchreservations@gmail.com. Indicate in the email if planning to eat. For more information, call Pam at 334-806-8888.

Notice:

The Elba Clipper will feature graduating seniors from Elba, Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton, and Brantley in the Thursday, May 15, edition.

Congratulations ads can be purchased by family and friends for \$35 to go along with these senior photos.

Call (334) 897-2823 for more information

EDITORIAL



BULLDOG BUDDIES VISIT ELBA ATTRACTIONS...The Kinston School "Bulldog Buddies" comprised of high school seniors and elementary kindergarten students enjoyed a day of fun last Friday, April 25, as they visited the Marley Acres petting zoo and TigerTown Park in Elba, Ala. The group enjoyed visiting with an array of animals at Marley Acres and playing on the playground equipment at TigerTown Park before enjoying lunch together. Each year, the "Bulldog Buddies" program at Kinston unites seniors with kindergarten students to share events with one another throughout the school year. Above, the group poses for a photo at TigerTown Park while the photo to the left shows kindergartners Jaxson and Whitley having fun at Marley Acres. Jaxson and Whitley are buddies with senior Reese Amett.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, April 22, 2025, through Monday, April 28, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Apr. 22 – Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 619 Mullins Circle (10:37 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 603 Mullins Circle (1:49 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Apr. 23 – Animal complaint reported at 949 County Rd 239 (10:26 a.m.); Trespassing reported in area of Reese Ave and Guyton St (3:25 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (9:31 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 715 Reese Ave (9:56 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and two citations.

Thursday, Apr. 24 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (2:05 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Davis St W and Polka Ave N (9:37 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 991 Hwy 203 (11:08 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Martin Luther King Dr (12:50 p.m.); Assault victim reported at Medical

Center Enterprise (10:01 p.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 121 Cordelia Ave N (11:24 p.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in eight written warnings, three citations, and one advice given.

Friday, Apr. 25 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 441 Tiger Dr (3:01 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 21477 Hwy 87 – w/verbal warning issued (4:25 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (2:16 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 987 Drayton Ave (5:43 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in one advice given, one arrest, three written warnings, two citations, two verbal warnings, and one report supplement.

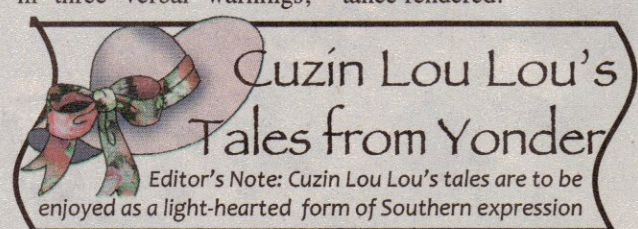
Saturday, Apr. 26 – Abandoned vehicle reported at 94 County Rd 263 (4:19 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Jackson Ave – w/arrest (8:33 p.m.). Twenty-one traffic stops resulted in thirteen verbal warnings, four citations, one assignment complete, two written warnings, and one arrest.

Sunday, Apr. 27 – Lost/Found property reported at 24631 Hwy 87 (5:03 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1579 Caroline

St (5:30 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Reese Ave and Garrett St (5:50 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Hwy 87 and Davis St E (8:12 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings,

two written warnings, three citations, and one arrest.

Monday, Apr. 28 – Thirteen traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, six citations, four written warnings, and one assistance rendered.



Cuzin Lou Lou is convinced that 'raising' children cannot be as adventurous as 'raising' parents when they reach their older years in life...at least that must be the case at the Yonder Gang's house when it comes to Papa!

Last week, Lou Lou and Papa took a little getaway trip while Sister and Little Bean stayed home, and while it was a fun trip overall, Lou Lou quickly realized she and Sister have their work cut out for them in taking care of Papa! During the ride to and from the destination, if Lou Lou heard Papa say "huh" once...well, she heard it a thousand times.

Eventually, she said to Papa, "You need a hearing aid!"

Papa's response was, "I don't hear as well as I once did."

"No," Lou Lou replied. "You don't hear worth a flip, and it makes me look like I am always yelling at you because I have to repeat myself so loudly."

Papa just laughed it off. Lou Lou was not joking!

Then, there was Papa and his continued issues with his knee. The same one he tried to convince Lou

Lou and Sister he had gotten miraculously better by spraying WD40 on it. Yeah...that didn't work! No surprise there!

Several times while walking from one place to the next, Lou Lou realized Papa was being slowed by pain in the knee. So...she again approached that subject.

"I see the knee is still bothering you," she said.

"Some," was Papa's one word response.

"You need to go to the doctor and have it seen about," Lou Lou insisted yet again.

Papa brushed that statement off saying he would get around to mentioning it next time he goes to see his regular doc.

"You know...instead of being so stubborn, you might actually get the knee better quickly by going to the doctor," Lou Lou argued. "It could be something as simple as needing a cortisone shot, but if it is something more we would at least know."

Of course, Papa wasn't very interested in the subject at all, but Lou Lou took the time to make her point.

"If you will remember, I had a sore knee when I was in my late teens and had been walking around on crutches for two weeks before the orthopedic specialist decided to put a shot of cortisone in the knee," Lou Lou reminded Papa. "Thirty minutes later, I was walking normal again after not being able to walk on it for weeks!"

"I'll think about it," Papa conceded.

This is the point Lou Lou threw her hands up in the air, and decided Papa's medical attention matters could be a job of Sister moving forward. Also, she let Sister know that she needed to make trips with them in the future simply to give Lou Lou some "backup help" with Papa!

If Sister is in charge...well...we all better start praying for Papa now! Sister takes no prisoners when she gets in her 'boss' mood.

Jokes aside, however, Lou Lou and Papa had a fun trip, and despite his many 'ailments' they plan to make more of the same type trips together. After all, enjoying time spent with family is and will always be important to the Yonder Gang! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

There were several citizens that took the time Monday evening of this week to attend the Elba City Council meeting. This is something we have suggested happen for a long time. More citizens need to be active in 'showing up' to let the elected officials, not just in Elba but anywhere, know they have a vested interest in the decisions being made that affect the population. To those that did show up...we extend an 'atta boy and girl' to you for taking the time out of your schedules to be there and observe. Your presence does make a difference.

It makes our blood boil to see things like the vandalism at the restrooms of TigerTown Park this week! We often read posts on social media of those upset because of limited recreation offerings, but at the same time, it is hard to keep up with the supply and demand when there is a constant need to 'fix' what we already have due to individuals that have no respect for others property. There is absolutely no explanation for someone going into a public restroom at our TigerTown Park and destroying the toilets...it is simply just unacceptable behavior. It costs everyone involved when things like this happen...but, more than anything, it costs our children and their families because until the necessary repairs are now made, those visiting TigerTown Park will have limited restroom accommodations thanks to those who chose to vandalize the bathrooms. It is infuriating to say the least.

While on the subject of the Elba City Council, we were actually a bit disappointed in a decision made by the council to not pay for a new emergency airlift membership program for employees. The PHI Cares program (PHI Air Medical offered through Enterprise Rescue) covers air medical transport when flown by PHI Air Medical in times of critical emergencies meaning no out-of-pocket expense to the patient for the medical flight. The city had the option to cover this for its 35 full-time employees at an annual cost of \$1,800 or instead offer the membership as a payroll deduction for employees interested in acquiring individually. Because this \$1,800 was a "non-budgeted cost" the council voted to not pay it and instead offer it as a payroll deduction option for employees with the idea to revisit again at budget time. Now, while the council did seem concerned about the city's budget with this decision, we can't help but think the cost was small enough that it would have been a better decision to go with the city paid option to offer an additional 'benefit' to full-time employees. After all, it is the small things the city can do for its employees that go a long way in overall morale.

The Elba Water and Electric Board met also Monday night, and that group did vote to pay for the PHI Care membership for its full-time employees as an additional benefit to employees. They even took the motion a bit further and agreed to extend that offering to the city side of things as well to cover the cost for the city employees [and Elba's volunteer firefighters] as a thank you to the city employees for their dedication to Elba.

The annual Rockin' the River event will be held this Saturday in Elba. This event also features a car show and several other events. There will be live music, a 5K race, petting zoo, art exhibition, arts and crafts, sidewalk chalk competition, inflatables, artist demonstrations, rubber ducky race, silent auction, pop-up history museum, and of course, food trucks on site. It should be a lot of fun for all! And, across the bridge, the Pea River Outdoors folks are planning a kayak race. If you need something to do on Saturday, downtown Elba will be the place to be...we hope to see you there!

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Kindergarten Registration for the Coffee County Schools will be conducted on the following dates.

New Brockton Elementary—Wednesday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Kinston Elementary—Thursday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Zion Chapel Elementary—Friday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The child should attend registration to participate in various screenings. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1. A child enrolling in a Coffee County School for the first time must present the following documentation prior to enrollment.

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WAYNE 'RED' WYROSICK

Mr. Wayne "Red" Wyrosdick, age 92, of Jack, Ala., died Monday, April 21, 2025, at his home in the Snellgrove Mill Community.

Funeral services

were held Tuesday, April 22, 2025, from the chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Steve Tipton and Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Wayne was always willing to help others, lend advice, and offer guidance when called upon. He worked at Dorsey Trailer's for many years as a supervisor and was always willing to stand in the gap to advocate the needs of his employees to upper management. Upon retiring from Dorsey's, he returned to his farm and enjoyed raising cows, horses, sheep, goats, and other critters. He enjoyed "horse trading" and was called upon often by friends in search a specific item, chances were, he had one.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ada and Harmon Wyrosdick.

Survivors include his daughters: Lisa Wyrosdick Hancock, and Patrice Adkinson (husband Tommy), all of Jack; grandsons:

Thomas Adkinson, Colorado Springs, Colo., Taylor Hancock, Dothan, Ala., Forrest Hancock, Foley, Ala.; great-grandson: Joshua Adkinson, and great-granddaughter: Annabelle Adkinson, both of Colorado Springs; sister: JoAnn Bess, Kinston, Ala.; brother: Pete Wyrosdick, Davenport, Fla.; special friend: Wanda Gayle Key, Midland City, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

VONDA MELISSA MARLER KAHLER

Ms. Vonda Melissa Marler Kahler, age 60, of Smyrna, Tenn., died peacefully at home Tuesday, April 22, 2025, surrounded by family and loved ones.

She was born in Elba, Alabama on Sept. 21, 1964 to Waylon Wayne Marler and Judith Pearce Marler.

Vonda grew up in Elba where she was blessed with many friends and loved dancing, twirling, playing the piano, riding go-carts and children and youth activities at First Baptist Church Elba. She loved Friday Night Lights at Foggy Bottom (Miller Memorial Stadium) and could be found there every fall cheering on the Elba High School Tigers, long before she took the field at half-time with the Marching Tiger Band, first as a flute player, then as a majorette.

Vonda excelled academically and took her love of sports and marching bands with her to Tuscaloosa, where she was a Crimsonette in the University of Alabama Million Dollar Band. One of her most prized possessions is a photo of her with Bear Bryant taken in the end zone during his final season with the Tide. She was also a member of the Crimson Tide Basketball Dance Team. After graduating with a degree in biology, she then attended the Samford University School of Pharmacy where she graduated top of her class and received the Merck Award for Medicinal Chemistry.

Vonda loved serving her community as a pharmacist and, over the course of her career, practiced in Destin, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; and Enterprise, Ala. before settling in Murfreesboro,

Tenn. with her family. She later returned home to Elba for a few years where she worked at Bryan Pharmacy.

Her greatest calling was motherhood and grandmotherhood. There's nothing Vonda loved more than her children and grandchildren. She always made it a priority to be at all of her children's and grandchildren's events including baseball games, tennis matches, dance recitals, and school programs. In 2018, Vonda relocated to Smyrna to be closer to her daughter and first newborn grandchild.

at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. A Celebration of Life service was held Sunday, April 27, 2025 at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. A private graveside service was held for the family.

Vonda was preceded in death by her father and grandparents, Lewis and Hazel Pearce, and Hubert and Maude Marler.

Survivors include her mother, Judith; sister, Mitzi McAdam (Clive), Cumming, Ga.; brother, Marty Marler, Elba; daughter, Katie Watson (Jordan), Smyrna; son, Kip Kahler (Kristen), Smyrna; and her five grandchildren, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Asa, Emma, and Eli.

REBECCA ANN ADKINSON

Ms. Rebecca Ann "Becky" Adkinson, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Noland Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 26, 2025, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her daughters: Regina (Tim) Petty, Elba; Michelle (Donnie) Herring, and Shea (Corey) Howe, both of Dothan; sister: Merita (Malcolm) Bradley, Onycha, Ala.; 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Vonda loved serving her community as a pharmacist and, over the course of her career, practiced in Destin, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; and Enterprise, Ala. before settling in Murfreesboro,

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You may also find yourself filled with anger. You may feel angry at the doctors or nurses who couldn't save your spouse, at the funeral director - even God. You may feel angry at your spouse for leaving you and then feel guilty for this anger.

You may find yourself feeling guilty for a number of reasons. It is common for the bereaved to feel guilty simply for being alive. You may believe you somehow should have prevented the death or been present to say good-bye. Because relationships are never perfect, you were bound to have had some disagreements with your spouse. Now you may feel guilty for those arguments or believe you should have been a "better" husband or wife.

The mental strain of grief can take a physical toll as well. It's not unusual for the bereaved to lose weight, have difficulty sleeping, become irritable or listless, or feel short of breath. Grief has even been known to cause hair loss.

Husbands and wives who have lost a spouse frequently become preoccupied with the person who died. You may think about your spouse constantly, recreate the circumstances of the death over and over in your mind, or have dreams or nightmares about him or her. You may even think you see or hear your spouse.

Many people are surprised and frightened by the intensity of these reactions. "Grief feels like craziness to the person who's undergoing it," explains Theresa Rando, a psychologist. Dr. Rando says it is important to realize that, bizarre as they may seem, these reactions are normal.

Grieving is a natural, though incredibly difficult, process. Recognizing grief can affect you in many ways and it can change from day to day is one of the first steps to beginning the healing process.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF PATSY ANN MYERS HANKS, Deceased.
CASE NO: PR-2025-039

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of April 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 7th day of April 2025.

/s/ Jackqueline Chauncey
Personal Representative
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARSHA SELMA ROSENBERG LEVINE, Deceased.
CASE NO: PC-25-010

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted on April 8, 2025, to Janice Bell Executrix of the Estate of Marsha Selma Rosenberg Levine, who departed this life on the 6th day of December, 2024, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Janice Bell
Janice Bell, Executrix of the Estate of Marsha Selma Rosenberg Levine, Deceased
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERA MOON, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2025-062

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Samie Moon and Tiffany Moon, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Vera Moon, deceased, on the 9th day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee Thompson
Judge of Probate
4/17, 24 & 5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MYRTICE ZUKOSKI, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2025-045

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Mary Mauldin, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Myrtice Zukoski, deceased, on the 16th day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
4/24, 5/1 & 8-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of RAE NELL SMITH

MOORE Deceased
Case No. PR-2025-055

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Joshua D. Moore as Administrator of the Estate of Rae Nell Smith., deceased, on the 16th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Joshua D. Moore
Joshua D. Moore
4/24, 5/1 & 8-pd

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by DELILAH A. STRICKLAND on February 6, 2020, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1054 Page 330, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on May 15, 2025, during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to wit:

A parcel of land, containing one-half acre, more or less, in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E, in Geneva County, Alabama, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, 313.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of said NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 in Section 13, T1N, R23E, Geneva County, Alabama; thence running West along the Section line a distance of 217.8 feet; thence running South perpendicular to said Section line a distance of 100 feet; thence running East parallel with said Section line a distance of 217.8 feet; thence running North a distance of 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lot or parcel containing one-half acre including a small part of the roadway and roadway ditch, and lying in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E in Geneva County, Alabama. ALSO, a parcel of land, containing one-tenth acre, more or less, in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E, in Geneva County, Alabama, described as follows: Beginning at a point 313.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of said NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 13, T1N, R23E, Geneva County, Alabama, and 100 feet South of the North line of said forty; thence running West parallel with the North line of said forty 217.8 feet; thence South parallel with the East line of said forty 20 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of said forty 217.8 feet; thence North parallel with the East line of said forty 20 feet to the Point of Beginning, and lying in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T1N, R23E, in Geneva County, Alabama.

Property Address: 780 Burch Road, Hartford, AL 36344
Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Pro-

grams may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA BOYLE DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-070

NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: Dot Pinson; Karen Brinkley; Helen Brown; Myrle Sands; Jan Parker; Tommy Wilson and all heirs at law and next of kin of BARBARA BOYLE who may be unknown and are not named.

You are hereby notified that JOEL YOUNG has filed a petition to probate a document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of BARBARA BOYLE, deceased.

A hearing on said petition has been set for the 16th day of June, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at which time you may appear and contest the same if you see fit.

DONE AND ORDERED this 23rd day of April, 2025
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
5/1, 8 & 15-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF: Velma Winona Adams, Deceased
CASE NO. PR-2025-073

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of Velma Winona Adams, deceased, having been granted to Amber Elizabeth Adams, Personal Representative, on the 23rd day of April, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, Alabama 36330
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5/1, 8 & 15-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Jack Junior Green, Deceased
Case No. 25-0069

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Debra Kay Brackin, Executor (Personal Representative,) on the 22nd day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred. /s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
5/1, 8 & 15-pd

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY L. BRABHAM DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-061

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of DOROTHY L. BRABHAM, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Wava Jaurita White
WAVA JAURITA WHITE
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate
/s/ Janis B. Kelley
JANIS B. KELLEY
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. OWENS JR., DECEASED,

DANIELLE M. OWENS, PETITIONER.
CASE NO. 25-0033

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of William B. Owens Jr., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of April, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Danielle M. Owens
Danielle M. Owens
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES RALPH PAUL, JR. DECEASED.
CASE NO.: 2025-0026

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Sarah Paul Owen, on the 8th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Nubie Ivenell Chapman, Deceased
Case No. 2025-0060

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Reba Sharon Newell and Pamela Marie Calhoun, Co-Personal Representatives, on the 8th day of April, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
4/17,24&5/1-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARION RAY GILLEY, SR., DECEASED.
CASE NO. 2025-0061

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Marion Ray Gilley, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marion Ray Gilley, Sr., deceased, on the 8th day of April, 2025, by the Toby Seay, Geneva County Probate Judge. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Marion Ray Gilley Jr.
Marion Ray Gilley, Jr.
Personal Representative
/s/ Tilden J. Haywood,
Tilden J. Haywood
Attorney for the Estate
4/17,24&5/1-pd

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Christopher Motley and Pamela Motley to the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, k/n/a the Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States Government dated May 16, 2019, and Recorded in OFFREC Book 1027, Page 225 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the May 16, 2025, at the front door of the Courthouse of Geneva County, Alabama, the following described real property in the County of Geneva, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF SLOCUMB, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF GENEVA COUNTY ROAD NO. 49, 211.52 FEET IN A DIRECTION OF N 30DEGREES -25 MINUTES -56 SECONDS E FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T1N, R25E AND THENCE CONTINUING N 30 DEGREES -25 MINUTES -56 SECONDS E ALONG SAID ROAD, 78.68 FEET; THENCE N 37 DEGREES -22 MINUTES -07 SECONDS E ALONG SAID ROAD, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 859.16 FEET TO THE WEST SIDE OF FARM ROAD; THENCE S 18 DEGREES -14 MINUTES -49 SECONDS E ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF FARM ROAD, 773.80 FEET; THENCE S 88 DEGREES -52 MINUTES -36 SECONDS W, 803.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T1N, R25E AND CONTAINING 7.06 ACRES.

ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTOR-

NEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the judge of the probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgagee. Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States Government
Mortgagee
William McFadden
McFadden, Rouse & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609
4/17,24,5/1&8-chg.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEVEN AUSTIN Plaintiff,
V.
LLOYD G. STINSON, LANCE STINSON, FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS, and LANDS KNOWN AS GENEVA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 18-09-30-4-003-002-000 WHOSE ADDRESS IS EAST RIVERSIDE AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA 36340, Defendants.

CASE NO.: 34-CV-2025-900029.00

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

LLOYD G. STINSON AND LANCE STINSON, LANDS IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL # 13-06-24-2-000-052.001, and FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS who claim an interest in the subject property known as PARCEL # 18-09-30-4-003-002-000#0 A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING BETTER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH BANK OF PEA RIVER AND THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE BANK OF PEA RIVER 1,345 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY 830 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG EAST RIVERSIDE AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 1,190 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1,205 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF FRACTIONS E AND F, SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, THE LAST DEED OF RECORD IS OR BOOK 401, PAGE 009, whose identities or present whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title of Steven Austin in the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama, and other relief on or before June 9, 2025, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendants in Case No.: CV-2025-900029.00, Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama.
/s/ Ashley A. Powell
CIRCUIT CLERK

Attorney for Plaintiff:
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(334) 684-8524
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by ANNA NELSON AKA ANNA HARRISON, A MARRIED WOMAN AND DEREK RANDALL HARRISON, HER NON BORROWING SPOUSE, to ALL IN CREDIT UNION on JUNE 22, 2020, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, at OFFREC 884 PAGE 95, the undersigned ALL IN CREDIT UNION, as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of COFFEE County, at ENTERPRISE, Alabama, on MAY 15, 2025, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST COLLEGE EXTENSION WHICH SAID POINT IS EAST LINE OF THE JAMES E. WEEKS PROPERTY LINE. WHICH LINE IS 320 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 4, RANGE 22 AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES, 0.2 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID JAMES W. WEEKS PROPERTY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES AND 55 MINUTES EAST AND PARALLEL TO COLLEGE STREET EXTENSION FOR A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 0.2 MINUTES AND PARALLEL TO SAID JAMES E. WEEKS PROPERTY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST COLLEGE STREET EXTENSION THENCE RUN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST COLLEGE EXTENSION FOR A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET AND TO POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS BEING THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GRANTORS HEREIN AS SHOWN IN DEED BOOK 62, PAGE 453 IN THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF PROBATE IN ENTERPRISE

Subject to all zoning, easements, restrictions, restrictive covenants and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens, Ad Valorem Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property. The property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, enjoyment or condition. The mortgagee or transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

All bidders will be required to execute a bidding agreement prior to sale. Copies of the bidding agreement may be obtained prior to the sale. The successful bidder will be required to pay the bid amount at the time of sale in cash or certified funds. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the in-

debtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the attorneys fees and expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to cancellation or postponement.

ALL IN CREDIT UNION, Mortgagee-Transferee
Leonard N. Math
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4/17,24&5/1-pd.

In the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division, DR-2025-900060
IN RE: Melanie Vega Garza v. Domingo Mora Garza,

NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

TO: DOMINGO MORA GARZA

By virtue of an *Order* of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, made on 9th day of April, 2025 and it appearing by such *Order* that personal service upon you could not be made because your whereabouts are unknown to the Plaintiff, Melanie Vega Garza, you are hereby notified as follows:

Melanie Vega Garza has filed her *Complaint for Divorce*, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. You have 30 days from the fourth publication of this notice in which to answer said *Complaint for Divorce* at the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise, Alabama.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by BETTY J. RODGERS, an unmarried individual and JENNIFER BLUE, spouse of KENNETH BLUE on February 8, 2018, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 998 Page 33, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on May 15, 2025, during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to wit:

Lot Number Two (2) in Block A of Highland Park Subdivision in the Town of Hartford, Alabama, as per plat of said Highland Park Subdivision recorded in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama in Plat Book 1, Page 62, subject to those certain restrictive covenants recorded in Miscellaneous Book 47, Page 149, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama.

Property Address: 505 Magnolia Avenue, Hartford, AL 36344

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that

help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY

ESTATE OF RONALD DAVID LASSITER, Deceased
CASE NO.: 25-0044

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Sherri Lassiter, Administrator on the 22nd day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sherri Lassiter
5/1, 8 & 15-pd

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAMELAH PACE HOLLEY PETERS, Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2022-161

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: All the heirs at law and next of kin of Pamela Pace Holley Peters, deceased.

You will hereby take notice that the 16th day of April, 2025, came Christopher Jace Holley, Administrator of the Estate of Pamela Pace Holley Peters, filed a Petition to Sell for Payment of Debts for the following property: 2005 Chevrolet Impala; 1995 Monterey Fiberglass Boat; Real property located at 571 County Road 539, Enterprise, Alabama and Real Property located at 607 North John Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351 belonging to the Estate of Pamela Pace Holley Peters, deceased.

You are hereby notified that the 19th day of May, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. has been appointed to hear said Petition to Sell for Payment and Debt.

Done and dated on this 21st day of April, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
5/1, 8 & 15-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH WADE EDWARDS, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2019-254

NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby given notice that two certain instruments in writing, titled Petition for Sale of Personal Property and Petition for Final Settlement of Estate were filed by Justin Wade Edwards, Administrator of the Estate of Joseph Wade Edwards, deceased, and that the 28th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

DONE this the 19th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON

Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
5/1, 8 & 15-pd

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While having a steep driveway means you have to back down slowly to keep from dragging the rear bumper, it also means hours of fun for a two-year-old grandson that never gets enough fun watching his toy truck roll down the drive and into the road. His smile and laughter makes it fun for his Nanny and Granddaddy, but it can also lead to a sore back and legs for the one that gets to retrieve the truck and bring it back up the drive for the next trip. A small price to pay!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tiger track team competed last weekend at sectionals and had five members make history as they qualified for this week's state meet, in Cullman. Coach Tyler Reeves and his team started from scratch this season to re-start the program after being dormant for decades, and with the help of numerous businesses, parents and supporters managed to get the equipment needed to practice and compete. The members used what is left of the track at the football practice field to help with the running events, while several members could often be seen on the side of the road throwing a shot put or working on leg strength running up the side of the hill. It took true dedication and desire for the members of the team to keep working to improve despite the lack of facilities. However, their hard work paid off as every member got better as the season went along and now five will compete at the state meet. Great job, Coach Reeves and your team. All of you showed that true 'Tiger Pride.'

*** The high school softball season headed into area tournaments earlier this week and while it is impossible to comment on the success of the area teams due to the lateness of the events, I will be very disappointed if all four teams that were scheduled to hit the field Monday and Tuesday failed to punch their tickets to next week's regional tournaments. Kinston is the biggest favorite and appears to have a real shot at winning a state title, while Brantley is always dangerous and makes a habit of playing for state titles. Elba has struggled through an up and down season, but is loaded with talent and can put it together at any time, and Zion Chapel is another team that is much better than its record shows and has its eyes set on a trip up north. This area is loaded with softball teams that have what it takes to be big winners, and I have a feeling the season isn't even close to being over for many of the teams.

*** The high school baseball playoffs will enter the quarterfinal round this week and just like always the Brantley Bulldogs are still alive and looking to move on. The Bulldogs lost their first game of the second round series last week on the road, but bounced back with two straight wins to advance, and after looking at the bracket have to believe the 'Dogs will be barking for at least a couple of more weeks. Many of the players on this year's baseball team were on the basketball team that fell one win short of winning a state championship, and I am sure that gives the players a little extra energy and drive.

*** In closing.... I hate to say it, but I think it was a little fitting in a way that Shedeur Sanders had to sit so long last weekend before hearing his name called out in the NFL draft. Sanders had been predicted to be a first round pick after a much publicized college career, but this time his Dad (Coach Prime) wasn't in charge and his fate was in the hands of others. Sanders was the starting quarterback for his Dad in a private school while in high school, was the starting quarterback for his Dad at Jackson State for two years and then moved with his Dad to Colorado and was the starting quarterback there for two more years. Sorry, Shedeur, Dad isn't in charge anymore and now it is time to make it on your own, because the team owners in the NFL obviously don't care about who your Dad is.



Five members advance to state

Elba track team shines at sectionals

The Elba Tigers competed last weekend at the AHSAA Class 1A Section 1 Track Meet, at the Covington County Track Facility, and while the boys placed sixth in an 11-team field and the girls placed seventh in a 12-team field, three members of the Tiger track team won their events and five members of the Elba team qualified for state with outstanding performances.

Emmanuel Cooks won the shot put competition, Jacob Ledbetter won the javelin competition and placed third in the 100-meter dash, Nyasia McCollough won the shot put competition and placed third in the discus, Anya Adams placed third in the long jump competition, and Ky'Avian Stoudemire placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles competition.

"This program has a bright future," said Coach Tyler Reeves. "During the two-day event we saw athlete after athlete hit personal records in their events, and if you are not excited about this track team you should be!"

Following is a list of Elba athletes that advanced to the finals in an event and their recorded time or distance:

Boys 1600 Meter Run – 8th Victor Wall 8:02.60
Girls 400 Meter Dash – 6th Sydney Silar 1:10.08
Boys 400 Meter Dash – 24th Garrett Hill 1:05.46, 25th Knowledge Burks 1:05.56
Boys Shot Put – 1st Emmanuel Cooks 41-0, 17th Michael Remley 29-11.5, 23rd Matthew Laramore 27-9
Girls Discus – 3rd Nyasia McCollough 68-0, 14th – Sydney Silar 44-11
Boys Javelin – 1st Jacob Ledbetter 138-2, 11th Ryan Schindler 96-5, 13th Caden Kyles 85-7
Girls Long Jump – 3rd Anya Adams 14-4
Boys 100 Meter Dash – 3rd Jacob Ledbetter 11.35
Boys 300 Meter Hurdles – 4th Ky'Avian Stoudemire 50.15, 9th Garrett Hill 53.51
Girls 800 Meter Run – 7th Ruth Magana 3:57.53
Boys 800 Meter Run – 15th Victor Wall 3:21.16
Boys Discus – 9th Matthew Laramore 76-2, 18th Austin Strickland 56-8
Girls Shot Put – 1st Nyasia McCollough 29-9
Girls Javelin – 6th Sydney Silar 64-1, 17th Alana Barton 28-1
Boys Long Jump – 10th Reggie Gilbert 17-11.5, 24th Knowledge Burks 14-3.75, 25th Ryan Schindler 11-3.50

Brantley track posts solid showing at sectional meet

The Brantley Bulldogs competed last weekend at the AHSAA Class 1A Section 1 Track Meet, at the Covington County Track Facility, with the boys placing 10th in the 11-team field and the girls placing 8th in the 12-team field.

While many of the Bulldogs turned in excellent times, the star of the meet for Brantley was August Ford, who won the Girls 300 Meter Hurdles, placed fourth in the Girls 100 Meter Dash, and was a member of the third place team in the Girls 4 x 100 Meter Relay.

Members of the team advancing to this week's state meet include: Carson Rutledge - 100 Meter and 200 Meter Dash; August Ford - 300 Meter Hurdles, 100 Meter Dash and 4 x 100 Meter Relay; Rayshawn Matthews – 110 Meter Hurdles; Sa'Leah Johnson – 200 Meter Dash, 4 x 100 Meter Relay; Keyanna Person – 4 x 100 Meter Relay; Dezirae Stevens – 4 x 100 Meter Relay; and, Jeovanni Sylvester – High Jump.

Following are results of the meet for the Bulldogs:

Boys 100-Meter Dash – 5th Carson Rutledge 11.48
Girls 300 Meter Hurdles – 1st August Ford 48.81, 5th Keyanna Person 1:03.93
Boys 300 Meter Hurdles – 10th Bentley Stinson 1:02.45
Girls 200 Meter Dash – 5th Sa'Leah Johnson 28.96
Boys 200 Meter Dash – 5th Carson Rutledge 25.83
Boys High Jump – 5th Jeovannia Sylvester 5-4
Girls Shot Put – 13th Jasmine McMeans 19-7
Girls Javelin – 10th Jacey Crawson 51-3, 11th Mytajah Bandy 48-0
Boys Long Jump – 19th Carson Rutledge 15-11, Jeovannia Sylvester 15-4.5
Girls 400 Meter Dash – 9th Julianna Artates 1:15.27
Boys 400 Meter Run – 15th Dionte Williams 1:02.02, 27th Cameron Rutledge :07.60
Girls Discus – 10th Jasmine McMeans 50-8, 18th Jacey Crawson 38-7
Boys Javelin – 14th Robert Bandy 81-9, 18th Mason Wingard 60-10
Girls Long Jump – 13th Mytajah Bandy 9-3
Girls 4 x 100 Meter Relay – 3rd 54:83 (Keyanna Person, Sa'Leah Johnson, Dezirae Stevens, August Ford)
Boys 110 Meter Hurdles – 5th Rayshawn Matthews 26.66
Girls 100 Meter Dash – 4th August Ford 13.30

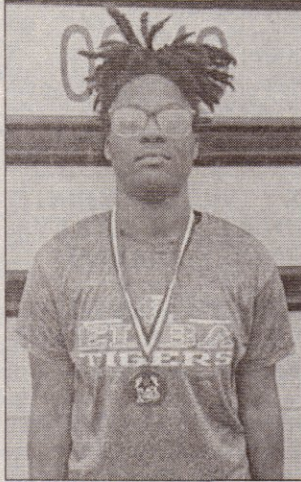
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Upcoming Elba Clinics: May 7 & May 21

Update: Elba High will have six members of the track team compete at State competition

On Monday, it was announced that Elba's Sydney Siler had been nominated as a wild card entry for the Girls 400m event at the State competition in Cullman, Ala.



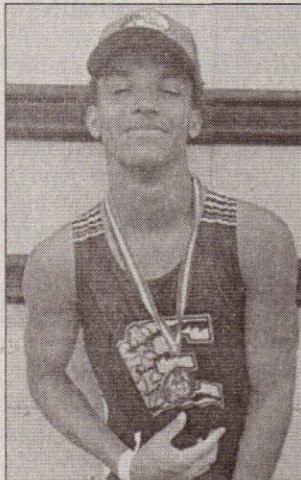
Anya Adams



Nyasia McCollough



Emmanuel Cooks



Jacob Ledbetter



August Ford - Brantley



Kyavian Stoudemire

ELBA PARKS & RECREATION SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, MAY 1

(Tee-Ball)
Elba vs. Elba (6:00)
(8U Girls Softball)
Elba at Luverne (5:45)
(10U Girls Softball)
Elba at Luverne (5:45)
(12U Girls Softball)
Zion Chapel at Elba DH (6:00)
(8U Boys Baseball)
Zion Chapel at Elba DH (6:00)

FRIDAY, MAY 2

(12U Boys Baseball)
Elba at Arifton (7:15)
(8U Boys Baseball)
Elba at Arifton (6:00)

MONDAY, MAY 5

(6U Co-Ed Softball)
Elba vs. Elba (6:00)
(8U Boys Baseball)
Elba at Zion Chapel (7:15)
(10U Boys Baseball)
Elba at Zion Chapel (7:15)

TUESDAY, MAY 6

(6U Co-Ed Softball)
Elba vs. Elba (6:00)

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SPORTS NEWS

Along The Tournament Trail

BASEBALL – Class 1A Second Round Playoffs

The 'Tournament Trail' led the Brantley Bulldogs to Livingston last weekend in the second round of the 1A baseball playoffs and after a stumble in the opening game of the 'best of three' series came storming back to win the final two games to earn a spot in this week's quarterfinal round In game one, the Bulldogs fell behind 5-0 and could never catch back up in a 12-9 loss. Brantley failed to get a hit and fell behind 5-0 in the bottom of the second, but a single by Jayden Parks sparked a third-inning rally, and back-to-back hits by Kevin Freeman and Cooper Layton helped the Bulldogs pull within 5-4. The Bulldogs trailed 10-4 by the time they make it back to bat, and while an rbi single by Freeman in the fourth and rbi hits by AJ Kilpatrick and Tyler Carter in the sixth kept them within striking distance, Brantley never caught up and suffered the game one loss. Jayden Parks and Kevin Freeman both had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley while Cooper Layton and Tyler Carter both added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Reese Odom and Colton Searcy combined to pitch six innings and allowed one earned run on 10 hits and five walks. In game two, Jayden Parks pitched a complete game shutout with 12 strikeouts to lead the Bulldogs to a 2-0 win, to keep their season alive. Brantley wasted a chance to grab an early lead when its first two batters reached, but failed to cross the plate. However, Tyler Carter led off the second with a triple and scored on an infield out to put the Bulldogs on top 1-0. Carter added his second triple of the game in the fourth and this time trotted home on an rbi single by Chaz Branum to push the lead to 2-0, and while they left runners on base in every inning, Parks never lost command on the mound as Brantley posted the 2-0 win. Tyler Carter had 2 hits, both triples, and scored 2 runs to lead Brantley, while Chaz Branum added 1 hit, 1 rbi and 1 stolen base, and Jayden Parks, Kevin Freeman and Cooper Layton all added 1 hit. Parks threw 94 pitches in the 'must win' game and allowed only four hits, while striking out 12. In the all-important third game of the series, the Bulldogs used a 10-run second inning to erase an early 1-0 deficit and never looked back as they combined 11 hits with five walks and six errors to post an 18-1 win to claim the series. A leadoff triple by Jon Harper Kilcrease ignited the second inning fireworks, while Chaz Branum added an rbi single, AJ Kilpatrick had an rbi single and Jayden Parks also had an rbi single to blow the game open. Jon Harper Kilcrease had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Kevin Freeman added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Reese Odom added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Jayden Parks added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Kilcrease pitched five innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, with four strikeouts.

SOFTBALL - Class 4A, Area 4 Tournament

The 'Tournament Trail' made a stop in Opp on Friday afternoon and watched the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks end their season with tournament losses to Opp 15-0 and Pike County 12-2. In the opening round loss to Opp, the Lady Gamecocks fell behind 5-0 in the first inning and never recovered to fall into the elimination bracket. Jenna Kate Weeks and Gabby Eubanks both had 1 hit to lead New Brockton, while MacKenzie Jones pitched three and two-thirds innings and allowed 15 earned runs on 12 hits and five walks. In the elimination bracket loss to Pike County, the Lady Gamecocks trailed only 5-2 heading into the bottom of the third inning, but couldn't get up late and saw their season come to an end. Emily Grace Peeples had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Bella Bookout added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and MacKenzie Jones and Ariana Smith both added 1 hit. Zaniyah Mitchell and Ella Kate Bowers combined to pitch four innings and allowed 12 earned runs on 10 hits and seven walks.



Kinston Lady Bulldog Lyla Bruce had 2 hits in last week's 5-4 win over Arifton.
(Photo by Kaley Jean Photography)

On 'Senior' night

Elba Lady Tigers battle past 'Brockton 4-1

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the regular season last Monday afternoon with a solid 4-1 homefield win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks.

Neither team could get anything going at the plate in the opening inning, but the Lady Tigers got on the scoreboard in the second to grab an early 1-0 lead. A bunt single by Ana Caldwell to lead off the inning ignited the early rally, while Caldwell advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Mary B. O'Neal and then raced home on an rbi single by A'Lyric Whitfield. Elba had a chance to add more runs after a walk to Lady Stinson. However, both runners were stranded on the base paths with the Lady Tigers on top 1-0.

A leadoff single by Kaleigh Russell got Elba back on track in the third inning, and after Russell stole second and third, the speedy senior tagged up on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Payton Parks to up the Lady Tigers lead to 2-0.

Russell walked in the bottom of the fifth and scored on an rbi double by Parks as Elba upped its lead to 3-0, and after Parks moved to third on a New Brockton error, the Lady Tiger scored on a sacrifice



2025 ELBA LADY TIGER SOFTBALL SENIORS - (l-r) Kaleigh Russell, Sinia Smedley, A'Lyric Whitfield, Lady Stinson, Ana Caldwell, Ayrika Caldwell.

fly off the bat of O'Neal to push the lead to 4-0.

The Lady Gamecocks threatened in the top of the sixth when Emily Grace Peeples was hit by a pitch and Ella Kate Bowers drew a one-out walk, and New Brockton got on the scoreboard one batter later when Gabby Eubanks delivered an rbi single. The Lady Gamecocks left two runners on base; however, and also left two runners on base in the seventh as Elba held on to claim the big 4-1

win over its cross-county rivals from New Brockton.

Kaleigh Russell had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Payton Parks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; A'Lyric Whitfield added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Ana Caldwell added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Ayrika Caldwell was the winning pitcher as she tossed five and one-third innings and allowed one earned run on one hit, with 12 strikeouts, while Mary B. O'Neal

picked up the save as she pitched one and two-thirds innings and allowed no runs on two hits, with one strikeout.

Gabby Eubanks had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Brooklyn Downing added 1 hit and Emily Grace Peeples scored one run. Ella Kate Bowers pitched six innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits and five walks, while striking out four.

High School SCOREBOOK

Statistics from GameChanger

(Softball)

Kinston 5 Arifton 4 – Kinston's Lauren Norris singled in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the Lady Bulldogs to an exciting 5-4 win over Arifton. Maddie Williamson had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Allyx Williamson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Lauren Norris added 2 hits and 1 rbi, Lyla Bruce added 2 hits, and Madisyn Jones added 1 hit. Lauren Norris pitched five and one-third innings and allowed one earned run on three hits and five walks, while striking out 12, while Lilli Sumblyn was the winning pitcher, in relief, as she pitched one and two-thirds innings and allowed one hit, with three strikeouts.

Brantley 19 Goshen 3 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs needed only two innings to post a lopsided 19-3 win over Goshen. Kennedy Baggett had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Coco Stamps added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Lynley Taylor added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Sa Leah Johnson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Marley Kilcrease and Kennedy Baggett combined to pitch two innings and allowed one earned run on one hit, while striking out three.

Brantley 4 Pike Lib 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs used a 3-run sixth inning rally to get past Pike Liberal Arts 4-2, last Tuesday in Troy. Marley Kilcrease had 2 hits to lead Brantley, while Savannah Nichols added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Coco Stamps and Alex Grimes both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Grimes pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, with nine strikeouts.

Wicksburg 8 Zion Chapel 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels failed to get on the scoreboard in an 8-0 homefield loss to Wicksburg. Aubrey Bassett, Kaylee Hodge, Landry Hataway and Emily Rhodes all had 1 hit for Zion Chapel. Sydney Boothe and Riley Bannin combined to pitch seven innings and allowed seven earned runs on eight hits and five walks.

Arifton 16 Brantley 8 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs carried a 6-5 lead into the top of the sixth inning, only to surrender 11 runs in the game's final two frames in a wild 16-8 homefield loss to Arifton. Alex Grimes had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Marley Kilcrease added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Emma Crawley added 3 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kennedy Baggett added 2 hits and 1 rbi. Grimes and Kilcrease combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 12 earned runs on 11 hits and 10 walks.

Zion Chapel 10 New Brockton 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels jumped out to an early 5-0 first inning lead and never looked back in a 10-0 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Landry Hataway had 3 hits, including two triples, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Kaylee Hodge added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Emily Rhodes added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Riley Bannin added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Sydney Boothe and Bannin combined to pitch five innings and allowed one hit, while striking out 11. Jenna Kate Weeks had 1 hit and 1 stolen base to lead New Brockton, while MacKenzie Jones and Aubrie DeLoach both drew a base on balls. Emily Grace Peeples, Zaniyah Mitchell and Jones combined to pitch four innings and allowed five earned runs on six hits and six walks.

SPORTS FLASH

SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS -

Elba closed its season Monday, April 28, one win short of a berth at the region tournament at the Class 1A, Area 3 tourney. The Lady Tigers defeated Georgiana 21-4 and McKenzie 19-8, but lost to Brantley 17-2 and Red Level 10-6.

Brantley qualified for the South Region tourney with two wins at the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Elba 17-2 and Red Level 11-0. They also defeated Red Level 10-0 to claim the area tournament title.

Kinston earned a spot at the South Region tournament with an 11-0 win over Florala in the Class 1A, Area 2 tourney. This tourney was set to end Tuesday, April 29.

As of press time this week, Zion Chapel was one win away from a berth at South Region tourney following day one of the Class 2A, Area 4 tournament. The Lady Rebels defeated Luverne 4-0 and lost to Pike Lib 3-2 on Monday. Day two action was set for Tuesday.

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS -

Friday, May 2nd
Brantley Bulldogs vs Autauga Academy in Prattville
Game times 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
(1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3rd, if needed)

GOLF -

The Elba boys golf team qualified Monday for the Sub-State action set for next week in Greenville.

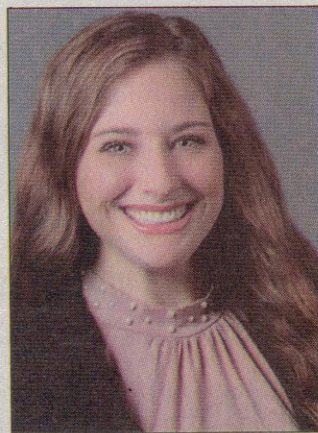
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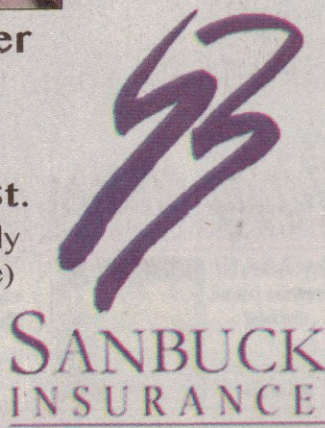
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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

What does the Bible say about... Worshipping God?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2).

"Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool (holy hill) for the Lord our God is holy" (Psalm 99:5, 9).

"I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies" (2 Samuel 22:4).

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things" (Revelation 4:11).

"Worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water" (Revelation 14:7).

Last week this writing defined worship showing that the true God of heaven desires our worship, and is to be worshipped in the way the Bible teaches (John 4:23-24). The Bible tells us that worship may be vain, ignorant, or will worship that is not acceptable to God. Now, as shown in the above verses, we emphasize how that God is worthy of

our worship because of who He is, and with his power, glory, and holiness He created all things.

Jesus the Son of God along with the Father and Holy Spirit make up the Godhead or trinity (Colossians 2:9). We worship God through Jesus Christ who is our mediator and intercessor (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25), thereby worshipping Christ.

The song, "Worthy Art Thou" reminds us of Revelation 5:12. This song was written in 1930 by Tillit S. Teddlie.

"Worthy of praise is Christ our Redeemer;

Worthy of glory, honor and power!

Worthy of all our soul's adoration;

Worthy art Thou! Worthy art Thou!

Worthy of riches, blessings, and honor,

Worthy of wisdom, glory and power!

Worthy of earth and heaven's thanksgiving,

Worthy art thou! Worthy art Thou!

Cemetery meeting planned for May 10 at Antioch Cemetery in Glenwood community

Friends of Antioch Cemetery will host the annual meeting for the Antioch Cemetery, located on Coffee County Road 306 in the Glenwood commu-

nity, on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 10 a.m.

All interested in the upkeep of this cemetery are asked to attend the meeting.

Spring Revival begins May 4th at Alberton Baptist Church in Kinston

Spring Revival for Monday, May 5th at 7 p.m. – Evangelist Kenneth Hagler

Alberton Baptist Church, 3633 Highway 134, Kinston, will be May 4-6.

Speakers will be as follows: Sunday, May 4th at 6 p.m. – Rev. Lloyd Snellgrove

Monday, May 5th at 7 p.m. – Evangelist Kenneth Hagler

Tuesday, May 6th at 7 p.m. – Evangelist Kenneth Hagler

All are welcome to attend.

ROUND AND ABOUT w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER

334-282-2200



Scripture: Titus 2:11-13

Thinking of you! Praying for you!

Alice Musgrove, Joe Rudolph, Helen Thigpen, Patricia Duncan, Shiloh M.B. Church Family, President Donald J. Trump, Akira Hutchinson, Cedric Williams

April/May Birthdays

Commissioner Jimmy E. Jones 4/29

J'Rell K. Smedley 4/30

Otis Andrews 4/30

Dwight Belcher 4/30

Annie Jean Campbell 5/2

Kendra Culver 5/2

Michael Watkins 5/2

Juan Starks 5/7

Lizzie P. Wright 5/7

Kristopher Whitehurst 5/7

Grasping Opportunities

William Safire tells of a lesson he learned as a young reporter. He was working against a deadline for the New York Herald Tribune when a secretary tried frantically to interrupt him. He waved her away. Later, he went down to the lobby of his building and discovered that it was filled with policemen and reporters. A jewelry store had been robbed, and he had been "scooped" by newsmen from another paper. Dejected, he sat on the steps outside. A woman asked if he needed help, and he replied, "I just want to be left alone." He later learned that the woman was Greta Garbo, the most sought-after celebrity of that era. Safire was so focused on his immediate concerns that he missed a great opportunity for a story taking place just two floors below him. Then, when he could have

made up for his mistake by interviewing Greta Garbo, he was so busy bemoaning his fate that he missed opportunities surrounding us. Abram was different: When an opportunity came for him to enrich his life by following God into the unknown, he wisely let go of the present so that he could firmly grasp the future God had in store, for him because he was willing to walk with God in faith, God gave him great blessing. We may find that God still works that way! -C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the week of 5-1-2025

Use your concordance to answer the questions

(Q) Between the sixth and the ninth hour of the day of the crucifixion, what unusual phenomenon occurred?

(A) Darkness over the whole land. Mark 15:33

(Q) For what reason did the Scribes and Pharisees criticize Jesus's disciples?

(A) They ate with unwashed hands. Mark 7:2

Thought to Remember Remember which kingdom you serve.

Questions for the week of 5-8-2025

True or False

(Q) When Jesus calmed the storm, his disciples feared exceedingly.

(Q) The message that the disciples preached was that Jesus was the Messiah.

(Q) Jesus said that only the things which enter into a man defile him.

Today is a good day! Be grateful!
Eria's Daughter, Sue



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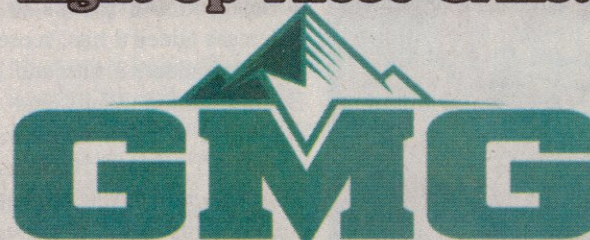
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